

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An artificial nail attachment method comprising the steps of:

coating a fingernail with [[a]] an aqueous thermoplastic resin coating material, said aqueous thermoplastic resin coating material.

an instantaneous adhesive agent said aqueous thermoplastic resin coating material; whereby said artificial nail can be removed with hot water.

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): artificial nail, wherein said aqueous thermoplastic resin coating material comprises 1 to 5 wt % of polyvinyl alcohol added to ethylene-vinyl acetate.

Claim 4 (new) The artificial nail attachment method according to Claim 1, wherein said aqueous thermoplastic resin coating material comprises 1 to 5 wt % of polyvinyl alcohol added to one selected from the group consisting of styrene-butadiene copolymer latex and denatured acetic poly-vinyl copolymer resin.